

**Utah Department of Transportation  
Utah Transportation Commission  
Tooele County Area Tour  
May 12, 2016**

The Utah Transportation Commission, UDOT staff members and others departed for a tour of the Tooele County area at 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 12, 2016, from UDOT's Region Two office, located at 2010 South 2760 West in Salt Lake City. Those in attendance included:

- Commissioners: Kent Millington, Meghan Holbrook, Wayne Barlow, Dannie McConkie, Naghi Zeenati, Gayle McKeachnie
- UDOT Staff: Carlos Braceras, Shane Marshall, Heather Barthold, Bob Pelly, Bill Lawrence, Linda Hull, Dave Schwartz, Lisa Wilson, Agustin Avalos, Bill Juscak, Marjorie Rasmussen, Troy Peterson, Bryan Adams, Joe Walker
- Others: Lee Davidson, Brigitte Mandel, Ivan Marrero, Charlene McConkie, Tooele County Commissioner Wade Bitner, Jamie Evans, Wayne Bennion, Greg Curtis, Kirk Gasser, Alex Janak, Representative Doug Sagers, Grantsville Mayor Brent Marshall, Representative Merrill Nelson

The tour route took the group through recently completed projects on SR-201, from 9400 South to 5600 West, at the Arthur Mill railroad crossing, and at the SR-202 intersection. They also drove past a FY 2017-funded pavement improvement project between I-80 to SR-202.

In Tooele, the tour went through the currently ongoing project of SR-36 from 3 O'Clock Drive to 2000 North, which includes pavement reconstruction, new drainage, curb and gutter and driveway tie-ins, signal upgrades, auxiliary lane additions, and coordination with UTA to maximize bus stop locations and spacing. The project is scheduled to be complete in June 2016.

Next, the group drove through Grantsville Main Street; a pavement improvement project through the area is currently funded for FY 2019. Grantsville Mayor Brent Marshall shared some area history, and spoke about current safety challenges and needs.

Tooele County Commissioner Wade Bitner and Representatives Doug Sagers and Merrill Nelson also spoke during the tour about the current capacity challenges and future transportation needs in the area, and asked for the Commission's attention and help.

A recurring topic throughout the afternoon was Midvalley Highway, a proposed 13.2-mile long, north-south highway connecting SR-36 and I-80 in Tooele County. The highway would address anticipated traffic congestion on SR-36 and the I-80/Lake point interchange through the year 2030, and provide increased north-south capacity, an alternate access to I-80 to handle the expected population and allow for commercial growth. Full build-out of the highway includes a four-lane arterial between SR-36 and SR-112 and a four-lane freeway between the future 1000 North road and I-80. To address funding challenges, a proposed Phase 1 interim build out would build an interchange at I-80 and one lane each direction down to SR-138. The overall value of all phases is \$396 million, with \$2 million county funds of right-of-way acquisitions. Segment 1 is valued at \$105 million, with the interim I-80 interchange build at \$65 million.

On the route back to Region Two, the group drove past the site of a proposed project that would extend SR-201 to SR-36 to alleviate traffic congestion and provide additional SR-201 lanes for commuters, as well as an alternate route to I-80. The funding needed for this project is \$150 million.

The group also drove past the prison relocation site west of the airport. UDOT will be working with DFCM to support site development, including roadway location and design.

The tour concluded at 3:45 p.m.

  
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Commission Assistant